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44th International Cooking Festival



I like this kind of festival which strengthens teamwork in addition to enhancing the knowledge of other world's cuisines. I like cooking, it's one of my favorite hobbies! I experienced a lot from this festival such as taking into consideration the limitation of time, the fine competition among the participating teams, the nice smells, outstanding flavors, and dedication to work in order to provide the best dishes. I wish to thank so much everyone who participated in making the event successful. I hope to see this festival in future years extending to include more countries.

Ahmed Amir Ismail, Iraq

Participating in the food festival was a great experience for me. Never before had I experienced such amount of cultural diversity. Moving from one booth to the other, enjoying the various delicious foods, and interacting with people from different cultures world over, felt just like moving around the world. I must admit that I learnt a lot and am grateful for that chance. As a new KUFSA member, this was the best welcome I'd ever ask for. My sincere appreciation to the organizers and all that made it happen, for allowing us experience the whole world in one room! I look forward to taking part in many more festivals in future.

Edward Gichuki, Kenya



KUFSA Soccer Tournament 2015



“All work and no play, makes Jack a dull boy.”

Jeevan Joshy, India

University life is not all about studies and homework. Sports and other fun activities play an important role in making it one of the most memorable parts of our life. Keeping this in mind, KUFSA holds an annual Football Tournament.

International undergraduate students under IUPE program regularly participate in this tournament.

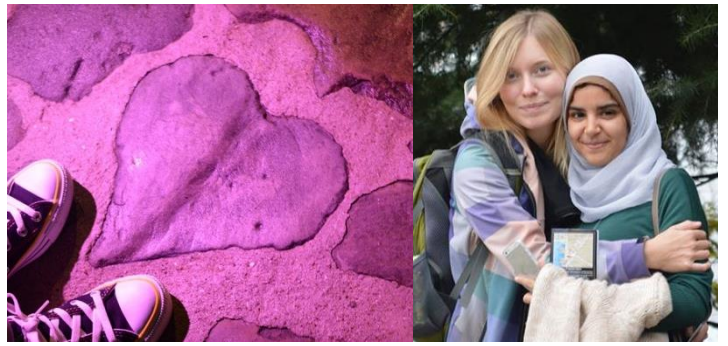
This year, the IUPE team, cheekily named ‘Benchwarmers F.C.’ returned home with the trophy! The competition had different teams comprising of Arabs, Chinese, Africans, Vietnamese, Indonesians and also a few Latin American countries. Our team consisted of IUPE students and our Japanese friends. The teams were divided into two groups of four teams. Each team had three games in the group stages. The IUPE team cruised to the semifinals where they had to meet their archrivals, ‘The African Lions’. What ensued was an exciting battle of speed and technique. In the end, we managed to get into the finals! Our last hurdle was the team from China, ‘the CHN United’. Determined to take the trophy, we set onto the field for the most thrilling match of the day. The match ended in a 3-3 draw and went on to the dreaded penalty shootouts.

There was all kinds of emotions in the field, as Benchwarmers saved two shoots, and emerged victorious. As an icing on the cake, Leo, third year undergraduate student from our team, bagged the prize for the top goal-scorer of the tournament. The KUFSA football tournament is a platform for people from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds to come together and revel in the spirit of the game of football. It is not only about winning, but also about making friends and creating everlasting memories.



Bus trip to Nagasaki

Alexandra Ola Wolf, Poland



On the 23rd of November I attended the KUFSA Nagasaki trip. Weather report predicted a rainy day, so a prospective of a sunny morning brought about a smile in everyone.

The first stop on our Nagasaki trip was the Atomic Bomb Museum. The place itself was very symbolic because it gathered all students with different nationalities and their own history backgrounds in one place. The visit to the Bomb Museum showed that despite experiencing cruelty and sadness, we can be united showing compassion and respect.

After those thoughtful moments, we went to a man-made island called Dejima, which was constructed in the 17th century to separate the Portuguese and later the Dutch residents from the Japanese population. Everyone enjoyed the western style houses and their interiors and the cute maquette of the fan-shaped island was a great selfie spot!

As it is also in life sometimes, rainy clouds gathered over Nagasaki. Nevertheless, we arrived at Glover Garden armed with raincoats and umbrellas. Thousands of romantic illuminations created an amazing evening. I was very pleased to see people searching for two heart-shaped stones embedded in the path! I am really glad you found them ;-)

That day Nagasaki won over many international hearts. Present mirrored the past. Thank you all for those wonderful memories!



Japan through my lens

-Cover Page Model-

Durgesh Darekar

India

Mechanical Engineering,B3

What inspired you to be a photographer? This is the question that people ask me frequently. Frankly speaking, I never thought that I would start loving photography when I bought my camera. I just wanted to take pictures of Japan, so that I could share them with my family back home in India. As I started my journey of capturing various moments and wonderful sceneries, I discovered that the 'land of rising sun' was more than just places. It was a glorious mix of traditions, culture, quirky trends, fashion, cleanliness, technology and the list goes on. To experience Japan to the farthest extent possible, I started to photograph every aspect of it. As my journey went deeper, I started to realize that the Oshiyama is full of surprises around every corner. Sharing this experience in Japan has played the most important part in defining me as a photographer. As long as I am here, I hope to capture most of it's uniqueness which distinguishes this 'land of samurais' from rest of the world.





Kyudai sai

—九大祭 in Ito campus—

A bright sunny day welcomed the annual Kyushu University festival, “Kyudaisai”. This year, my Chinese team represented KUFSA on the international street at the festival. We sold traditional Cantonese food which is a well-known cuisine of all varieties of Chinese cuisine. Our menu contained nourishing soup, chicken wings made by coke and special Chinese spicy, chewy, juicy pancake with two flavors. The nourishing soup use very healthy herbal ingredients such as ginger, jujube and wolfberry with fresh vegetables and whole chicken slow-cooked for more than 8 hours. The juicy chicken wings were sold out quickly on the first day and the pancake with special flavors and color won over people’s hearts. The moments when people said they were satisfied with our food were the happiest for us.

Every team member did enjoy this campus festival which gave us a lot of wonderful memories.



許丹妮 (Dannie Xu), China

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Next Tenure Committee Recruitment



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**UPCOMING
EVENT**

Hanami in Dazaifu, March 2016

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